multi-purpose photo identity cards throughout the country is likely to take not less than five years.

Rajasthan Government's proposal for operation blackboard

1334. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan had submitted any proposal for IVth phase of operation blackboard programme to the Central Government in November, 1990;

(b) if so, by when the proposals are likely to be cleared to enable the State Government to call meeting of State Level Empowered Committee for finalising the project proposals; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has already been sanctioned.

(c) The question does not arise.

Anomaly in the application of Third Pay Commission's recommendation in fixation of pay scales of Laboratory Technicians

1335. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the laboratory technicians employed in the medical institutions under Delhi Administration have been fighting for the last 14 years against the injustice being done to them in the matter of application of the recommendations of Third Pay Commission with regard to their placement in the appropriate scale of pay; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The question regarding anomalies in the pay scale of certain categories of para-medical staff including laboratory technicians of Delhi Administration was taken up by the Administration in 1987. The matter was considered by a Committee constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs in the same year. While the Committee made recommendations about the pay scales of Pharmacists, it observed that the cases of other staff, including laboratory, technicians, do not involve any anomaly which is within is purview. However, Delhi Administration have again taken up the case.

Inspection of food of VVIPs by Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi

1336. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the functions of the VVIPs that Food Inspectors of the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, Delhi are deputed to check the vegetarian and non-vegetarian food articles including meat and meat products for adulteration and instant poisoning by conducting organoleptic tests; and

(b) if so, the number of such duties performed by the Food Inspectors, with place of duties for the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement indicating the number of duties performed by the Food Inspectors with place of duties from 1-7-90 to 30-6-91 is annexed. This is as per the information supplied by Delhi Administration. [*See* Appendix 159, Annexure No. 36.]

Concessions to M/s. Pepsi Food

1337. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s. Pepsi Food has asked Government to amend their condition of Letter of Intent|Foreign Collaboration approval and to allow the import of proprietory ingredients and to drop the condition that 5 dollars have to be earned for every dollar spent on imports;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Pepsi Foods is importing the special formula for the domestic market and whether the price of Indian concentrate is less than its price in America?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and on receipt of the same shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Credits by banks for housing sector

1338. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question 2938 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1989 and state:

(a) the details of guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time and contents of their letter, issued on 2nd November, 1988 advising different scheduled commercial banks operating in all States including Delhi for providing credit to housing sector on liberal terms and conditions; and

(b) what are the names of ten top scheduled commercial banks which have extended maximum quantum of credit to the individuals|members of the group housing societies, during the last three years upto June, 1991 for boosting the housing sector in the Union Territory of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Dacoity in State Bank of Patiala branch in Okhla

1339. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether robbers had killed five bank employees, and decamped with Rs. 2 lakhs from the Okhla branch of the State Bank of Patiala on the 15th July, 1991;

(b) whether the security provided by the bank was inadequate;

(c) whether any compensation has been announced by Government to the next of the kin; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to further tighten the security arrangements in the banks?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Three bank employees and two members of the public were killed by robbers in Okhla branch of State Bank of Patiala on 15th July, 1991. Robbers also took away an amount of Rs. 2,04,040|-.

(b) The branch had one armed guard and also a security alarm system. The alarm system was in working order but could not be activated earlier as the employees were under a state of shock due to fear and dacoits were dictating terms at gunpoint.